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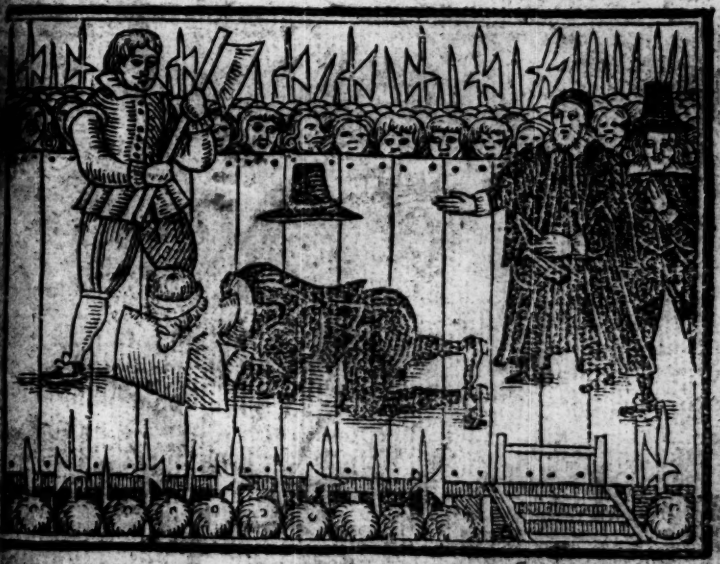

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THE Manner of the Beheading of Duke *Hambleton*, the Earl of *Holland*, and the Lord *Capel*, *March* 9. 1648.

ON Friday March 9. 1648. Duke *Hamilton*, (Earle of *Cambridge*) The Earle of *Holland*, and the Lord *Capell* were beheaded in the Pallace Yard at *Weſtminſter* Hall gate, in the middle of the Pallace yard, toward the old Standard, at that end of the Pallace yard towards the water-ſide, The manner was thus.

There were a great Guard of Souldiers both horſe and foot, and many thouſands of people. There were many Scaffolds made about the Pallace Yard, and they were very full, inſomuch that divers Scaffolds broke, and ſome people fell down. The windowes and tops of houſes were all full.

Firſt Duke *Hamilton* (the Earle of *Cambridge*) was brought upon the Scaffold, There came along with him, Lieut. Col. *Beecher*, who had the charge of them all, as well the Lord *Goring*, and Sir *John Owen*, who

are reprieved as these three who are this day beheaded) Also Dr. *Sibbols* the Minister came upon the Scaffold with him, and a Gentleman of his own retinue with some other Officers, and Gentlemen, but very few were admitted to be there.

Duke *Hamilton* was upon the Scaffold above an hour, before his head was cut off.

Some part of the time was spent in a speech to the people, other part of the time was spent in speaking to those on the Scaffold; he had much conference with Dr. *Sybolls*. And prayed very humbly (and with a deale of reverence) to God, both with the Minister, and with himselfe, some times he prayed aloud, and other times he prayed to himselfe.

Duke *Hamilton* was in a blacke Suite with a Silver Star upon his cloake.

The headsman came to him, and asked him forgivnesse which he said he did.

Putting on a white Satten Cap, he fitted himselfe to lye downe, imbraced his servants, and Doctor *Sibbols*, and took his leave of, them and then he pray-at the Blocke.

He gave advertisment to the Executioner, that when he spread forth his armes he should do his Office.

A peece of red silk was spread upon the block, and when he was to die, and also to receive his head when it was cut off.

He having put off his Doublet was in his shirt and prepared himselfe to dye, and lying down prayed a little upon the block, and then stretching forth his arme, the executioner strucke off his head at one stroak,

ſtroak, which was wrapt in the red Silke that was laid down for receiving of it, and his Coffin being brought upon the Scaffold, his body and his head was put into the ſaid Coffin, and carried away. And a Chyrurgeon (appointed for the purpoſe) ſewed on the head again to the body, in an houſe in Weſtminſter, to which he was carried in the Coffin.

The Subſtance of Duke *Hamiltons* Speech.

That he was a Proteſtant by Religion, that he had juſtly deſerved to dye, but at this time, in this way he left it to God, That he was ſent into England by the Parliament of Scotland, that he had no thought of hurt to the Parliament of England, that he had his hopes in heaven, & found peace in his conſcience with God, deſired them to pray for him, and prayed the Lord to have mercy upon him, and ſave his ſoule. He imbraced the blocke in his armes and cryed out, Lord Jeſus receive my Soule to thy Mercy.

Next to him, the Lord of *Holland* was brought upon the Scaffold, where were Lieut. Col. *Beecher*, Dr. *Sybals* and moſt of thoſe Gentlemen, ſave (onely two or three of the Dukes attendants) that were upon the Scaffold with the Duke.

There came with the Earl of *Holland* Mr. *Hodges*, and Mr. *Knight* two Miniſters, a Gentleman of his, and ſome others, who were upon the Scaffold, beſides Dr. *Sybals* Lieut. Col. *Beecher*, and the reſt.

The Earle of *Holland* came in a long gown of ſilk, lined with fur (that he wore at his Tryall) of a browniſh colour, he was upon the Scaffold nigh an houre before he was beheaded.

When the Earl of *Holland* was come upon the Scaffold, he firſt went to that ſide next the water-ſide, and ſhewed himſelf to the people, but preſently turned his face inward to the Scaffold again, and had ſome diſcourſe with thoſe Gentlemen that were on the Scaffold. After-

Afterwards he went to the end of the Scaffold against Westminster Hall gate, and there put off his hat to the people, and leaning upon the raile, with his hat off, and in his hand, he made a speech to them.

He had conference then with the Ministers, and went to the other side of the Scaffold towards the gate going into Kings-street.

He had a great deal of conference with Mr. *Knight* the Minister, and all the while carried himselfe very humbly, and with a great deal of devotion and reverence; he took much delight in those things that Mr. *Knight* spake, and heard him a great while with much reverence.

Mr *Hodges* turned to the other side of the Scaffold and wept, and so also did another Gentleman that did belong to him.

The Earl of *Holland* having put off his gown and his doublet, he had a white satten waistcoat on, and after that he spent some time in prayer, and prayed at the Block also.

He had on the same white satten Cap, with silver lace, that he wore at his Tryall.

He took his leave of Lieut. Col. *Beecher*, and the Ministers, and his servants, and the rest.

The Executioner having asked and had forgiveneſſe, and received the sign of spreading out his arms, the Earl of *Holland* lay down upon the block, and then prayed a while, and then giving the sign, the Executioner cut his head off at one stroke.

His head and body were wrapped in a sheet, and put into a Coffin brought upon the Scaffold for that purpose, and he was carried away, and his head was after sewed to his body by a Chirurgion,

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The substance of the Earl of Hollands Speech.

That he for Religion is a Protestant, for breeding he is of an ancient honourable family, was well bred, though he had not lived so well as his breeding was, that he hath been alwaies setled in his Resolutions; and as he took the Covenant at first for King and Parliament, as the Parliament had declared, so he had lived, and so long as his judgement concurred with the Parliament therein, hee stayed with them; and what was the rerson why he left the Parliament to go to the King? why he came back to the Parliament, and that afterward he rose for the peace of the King and Parliament, and to settle the peace of the Kingdome; He much applauded the King, and said, that as for his owne part, he saw no blood shed by the Forces that he commanded; Hee died patiently, and prayed to God to receive his soul.

Last of all the Lord *Capell* was brought upon the Scaffold; he had no Minister at all with him, nor had he any shew of sence of death approaching,

He was in a sad coloured Suit and Cloake, and white Gloves, without his Perrewig, and came with his Hat cockt and his Cloak thrown under one arme, outfacing death with a great deale of carelesnesse, as one notably resolved.

When he came first upon the Stage he looked towards the people, put off his Hat, as at a salute, and then cockt it, and strutted about the Scaffold in a careless posture.

He had a little discourse with the Gentlemen upon the Scaffold, where he stayed very little between the time he went upon it, and the cutting off of his head, in all a little above a quarter of an houre.

He went to the raile of the Scaffold on that end towards

wards *Westminster*-Hall gate, and made a Speech, leaning over to the People, which Speech took up most part of the time he was upon the Scaffold: He put off his Hat during the time that he spake, and his Speech was made with much earnestnesse, as if a Minister had been in a Pulpit rather then like a man dying. After that Speech he said little, some small discourse he had with the Gentlemen upon the Scaffold, and the ceremonies about the Executioner, in all which he was very short.

He then took off his Cloake and laid it upon the raile towards the waterside, and his man took out a linnen Cap and gave him, which he put on, delivering away his Hat, and then he put off his Dublet and was in his Shirt.

Then kneeling down before the Block he lifted up his hands and eyes towards heaven a very little while, and then lay down, but his shirt coller being too high he rose up againe and had it helped, (for though he was tall yet he had but a short neck.)

He prayed a while lying on the Block (to himselfe) lifting up his right hand from the boards of the Scaffold, and then stretching forth his arme the Executioner cut off his head.

A Coffin and Sheet being ready his Corps was carried away, and his head after sewed on.

It was a very faire bright Sunshine day.

He found fault with the puting of him to death, appealed to the people, that he dyed for his affection to his King, applauded the late King, to be the most Religious of all the Princes in the world, And said that he had free quarter given to him for mercy, but must now dye, and prayed the people to pray for him. He applauded Prince Charles, and the rest of the Kings children, desired they might be Kings, and said the Kings children were all born to the Crowne. He often prayed the people to pray for them, and asked them whether they would pray for him, and again said, I pray you Good People pray for Me.

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